

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
F	305



n Lexington

ress 44 Woburn Street

toric Name Noyes-Dame House

: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

e c. 1850

Source 1830, 1852 maps; stylistic analysis

Style Greek Revival

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric asbestos shingle

Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_

Major alterations (with dates) rear

ells (two-story cross-gabled, one-story)

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

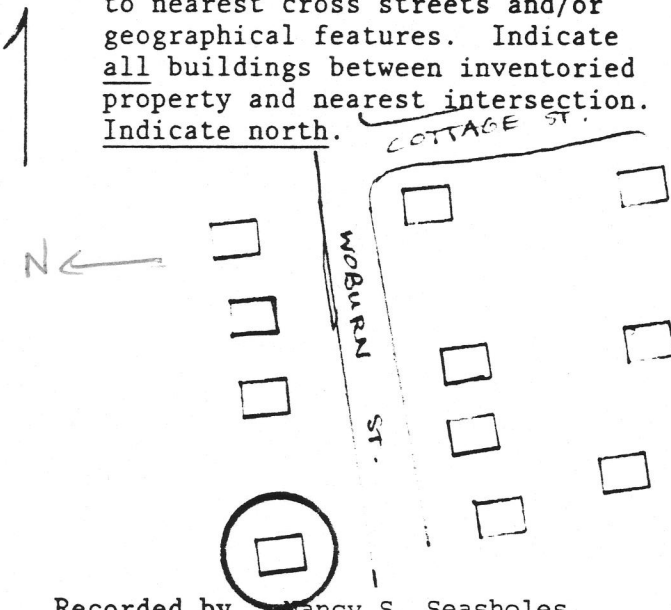
Approx. acreage 14600 ft.<sup>2</sup>

Setting On a busy street close to many

other modest nineteenth century houses.

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date April, 1984

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# INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town  
LEXINGTON

Property Address  
44 WOBURN STREET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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## ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:

The house at 44 Woburn Street is one of four small Greek Revival houses in the Woburn Street area (the others are 66, 76, and 147 Woburn Street). They are all small cottages and are characterized by granite or brick foundations and some Greek Revival elements. The house at 44 Woburn Street has a brick foundation and is set with its gable end perpendicular to the street. It was originally three bays wide and one deep with a full entablature on the side and a center side entrance with full sidelights. The others are more typical Greek Revival cottages with a gablefront and sidehall plan.

## HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

A road from Lexington Center to Woburn has existed since the 17<sup>th</sup> century. In the early 19<sup>th</sup> century Woburn Street began to develop as a locus of small cottages however the major development of the area seems to have occurred after 1855. By 1875 Woburn Street and the south side of Cottage Street were lined by small houses.

Beginning about 1855 but certainly by 1875, the vast majority of the residents in the Woburn Street area were Irish. Irish immigrants had begun moving to Lexington in the 1850s to work as laborers on farms and in other occupations. Those who could afford to rent or own their own houses soon became concentrated in the Woburn Street area, a section known as "Skunk Hollow". More research is needed to determine why the Irish settled along Woburn Street; perhaps it was because this was already a working-class neighborhood and was also near the railway line.

In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century 44 Woburn Street was numbered as #36. The house was occupied from about 1908 into the 1980s by Bermuda-born Andrew Pewtherer and his family.

For more detail see:

Seasholes, Nancy S. Area form (F) for Woburn Street, 1984.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and  
evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

See area form F.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state  
history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

See area form F.

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